



Teach us to Pray

An Engaging Prayer Series

Part 6

Know Your Weakness

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹***Give us this day our daily bread,*** ¹²and forgive us
our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

“temptation”: (πειρασμον [peirasmon]) means originally
“trial” or “test”

-“Do not allow us to be led” (permissive imperative)

Luke 22:39-46

³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, “***Pray that you may not enter into temptation.***” ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

Luke 22:39-46

⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “***Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.***”

Keep Me Alert

Luke 22:31-34

³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, *Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,* ³² *but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.*”

³³ Peter said to him, “*Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.*” ³⁴ Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

James 1:13-16

¹³ *Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,”* for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But *each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.* ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ *Do not be deceived,* my beloved brothers.

“The purpose of Satan is to engineer our fall through accusations: “Since we cannot be perfect,” sighs the believer resignedly, “then what is the use?””

- Watchman Nee

Keep Me Dependent on Grace

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1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶ *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God* so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

1 Peter 5:6-11

¹⁰ And *after you have suffered* a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Do I Rely on my Strength or God's amazing grace?

"I'm not afraid of the devil. The devil can handle me - he's got judo I never heard of. But he can't handle the One to whom I'm joined; he can't handle the One to whom I'm united; he can't handle the One whose nature dwells in my nature."

- A. W. Tozer

Keep Me Dependent on Others

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Who will pick me up when I fall?

*Do you have friends who are competing with you or
running with you?*

"The major strategy of Satan is to distort the character of God and the truth of who we are. He can't change God and he can't do anything to change our identity and position in Christ. If, however, he can get us to believe a lie, we will live as though our identity in Christ isn't true."

- Neil T. Anderson